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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR MARR AP MO US

SUBJECT: SOVIET BASE IN MOROCCO

REF: MADRID 5252

1. I ASKED SPANISH AMBASSADOR SEPTEMBER 15 HOW MUCH IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHED TO RUMORS WHICH WERE CIRCULATING IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES SOME WEEKS AGO THAT SOVIETS WERE SEEKING NAVAL FACILITY IN MOROCCO. HE SAID REPORTS LED HIM BELIEVE SOVIETS HAD ASKED FOR FACILITY IN TANGIER TO SERVICE THEIR FISHING FLEET WHICH COULD LATER BE MODIFIED TO ACCOMODATE MILITARY VESSELS. THEY WERE TURNED DOWN. THEY THEN ASKED FOR SIMILAR FACILITY IN AGADIR; THIS REQUEST LIKEWISE NOT GRANTED. AMBASSADOR COMMENTED KING WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO WANT TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD DERIVE FROM ESTABLISHMENT SUCH A SOVIET PRESENCE. I SAID I AGREED.

2. COMMENT: WHEN RUMORS BEGAN CIRCULATE RE POSSIBILITY ESTABLISHMENT SOVIET NAVAL FACILITY WE NOTED THEY ALL  
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SEEMED ORIGINATE FROM SPANISH MILITARY SOURCES; OUR

MOROCCAN CONTACTS CATEGORICALLY DENIED THEIR VALIDITY  
AND WE COULD FIND NO CONFIRMATION. PERINAT'S APPROACH  
TO EMBASSY MADRID FITS IN WITH PREVIOUS GOS EFFORTS  
CAST GOM IN BAD LIGHT IN OUR EYES IN CONTEXT DISPUTE  
OVER SAHARA.  
ROCKWELL

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